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Senator Crisco and Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and I'm here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 220,000 working women and men from every city and town in our great state.

H.B. No. 5013 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

We support this legislation, and applaud the committee for raising this bill and making it a part of today's public hearing. When the original board was assembled advocates and consumers were left without a voice on the Exchange Board. By simply adding three additional members to this board we demonstrate the value of having direct consumer and advocate input. Additionally by utilizing the experience and voice of the Office of the Healthcare Advocate and giving them voting authority this bill makes a good board even better.

Thank you to the Committee for holding this public hearing and we look forward to working with the General Assembly on making these bills become law.

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